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## MEETING OF THE

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

***Thursday, January 3, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

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## Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee *January 2013*

### Members

### Representing

|                    |                                   |                     |                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Chair*</b>      | <b>1. Hon. Paula Lantz</b>        | <b>Pomona</b>       | <b>District 38</b>              |
| <b>Vice Chair*</b> | <b>2. Hon. Margaret Finlay</b>    | <b>Duarte</b>       | <b>District 35</b>              |
|                    | 3. Hon. Sam Allevato              | San Juan Capistrano | OCCOG                           |
|                    | 4. Hon. Josue Barrios             | Cudahy              | GCCOG                           |
|                    | 5. Hon. James Butts, Jr.          | Inglewood           | SBCCOG                          |
|                    | 6. Hon. Don Campbell              | Brawley             | ICTC                            |
|                    | 7. Hon. Carol Chen                | Cerritos            | GCCOG                           |
|                    | 8. Hon. Ron Garcia                | Brea                | OCCOG                           |
| *                  | 9. Hon. James Gazeley             | Lomita              | District 39                     |
|                    | 10. Hon. Joseph J. Gonzales       | South El Monte      | SGVCOG                          |
|                    | 11. Hon. Elba Guerrero            | Huntington Park     | GCCOG                           |
|                    | 12. Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre | Barstow             | SANBAG                          |
| *                  | 13. Hon. Jon Harrison             | Redlands            | District 6                      |
| *                  | 14. Hon. Steven Hofbauer          | Palmdale            | District 43                     |
|                    | 15. Hon. Sonny Santa Ines         | Bellflower          | GCCOG                           |
| *                  | 16. Hon. Bill Jahn                | Big Bear Lake       | District 11                     |
| *                  | 17. Hon. Sukhee Kang              | Irvine              | District 14                     |
| *                  | 18. Hon. Darcy Kuenzi             | Menifee             | District 63                     |
|                    | 19. Hon. Randon Lane              | Murrieta            | WRCOG                           |
| *                  | 20. Hon. Joel Lautenschleger      | Laguna Hills        | District 13                     |
|                    | 21. Hon. Mike Leonard             | Hesperia            | SANBAG                          |
| *                  | 22. Hon. Ronald Loveridge         | Riverside           | District 4                      |
| *                  | 23. Hon. Bryan A. MacDonald       | Oxnard              | District 45                     |
|                    | 24. Hon. Charles Martin           |                     | Morongo Band of Mission Indians |
| *                  | 25. Hon. Larry McCallon           | Highland            | District 7                      |
|                    | 26. Hon. Kathryn McCullough       | Lake Forest         | OCCOG                           |



**Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee**  
***January 2013***

**Members**

**Representing**

|                              |                      |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 27. Hon. Susan McSweeney     | Westlake Village     | LVMCOG                           |
| 28. Hon. John Mirisch        | Beverly Hills        | WSCCOG                           |
| * 29. Hon. Carl Morehouse    | Ventura              | District 47                      |
| 30. Hon. Gene Murabito       | Glendora             | SGVCOG                           |
| * 31. Hon. Kris Murray       | Anaheim              | District 19                      |
| 32. Hon. Ray Musser          | Upland               | SANBAG                           |
| * 33. Hon. John Nielsen      | Tustin               | District 17                      |
| 34. Hon. Laura Olhasso       | La Cañada/Flintridge | Arroyo Verdugo Cities            |
| 35. Hon. John Palinkas       |                      | Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians |
| * 36. Hon. Linda Parks       | Ventura County       | VCCOG                            |
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| * 38. Hon. Jan Perry         | Los Angeles          | District 56                      |
| * 39. Hon. Andy Quach        | Westminster          | District 20                      |
| * 40. Hon. Ed P. Reyes       | Los Angeles          | District 48                      |
| 41. Hon. Bob Ring            | Laguna Woods         | OCCOG                            |
| * 42. Hon. Deborah Robertson | Rialto               | District 8                       |
| 43. Hon. Becky Shevlin       | Monrovia             | SGVCOG                           |
| 44. Hon. Michael Wilson      | Indio                | CVAG                             |

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# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA JANUARY 3, 2013

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*The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.*

## **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

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| 2. <u>Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting</u>   | Attachment         | 7                      |
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| 3. <u>Summary Report from Subcommittees</u>   | Attachment         | 14                     |
| 4. <u>Information Regarding Receipt of Transfer Agreement Related to the 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)</u>  | Attachment         | 20                     |
| 5. <u>Information Regarding Receipt of Transfer Agreement Related to the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)</u>  | Attachment         | 24                     |
| <b><u>INFORMATION ITEM</u></b>  |                    |                        |
| 6. <u>Eligibility of Jurisdictions to Take Housing Activity Credit as Part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update</u><br><i>(Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning)</i> | Attachment         | 20 mins. 38            |

# **COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA JANUARY 3, 2013**

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## **SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair)*

### **STAFF REPORT**

*(Frank Wen, SCAG Staff)*

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The next Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.*

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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**October 4, 2012  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

**Members Present**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Hon. Josue Barrios, Cudahy              | GCCOG       |
| Hon. Carol Chen, Cerritos               | GCCOG       |
| Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte            | District 35 |
| Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea                   | OCCOG       |
| Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita              | District 39 |
| Hon. Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte    | SGVCOG      |
| Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands             | District 6  |
| Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake           | District 11 |
| Hon. Darcy Kuenzi, Menifee              | District 63 |
| Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona <b>(Chair)</b> | District 38 |
| Hon. Joel Lautenschleger                | District 13 |
| Hon. Bryan MacDonald, Oxnard            | District 45 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland           | District 7  |
| Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest    | OCCOG       |
| Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura   | District 47 |
| Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora            | SGVCOG      |
| Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim               | District 19 |
| Hon. Ray Musser, Upland                 | SANBAG      |
| Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura               | VCOG        |
| Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods             | OCCOG       |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto          | District 8  |
| Hon. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia            | SGVCOG      |

**Members Not Present**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Hon. Sam Allevato, City of San Juan Capistrano | OCCOG       |
| Hon. James Butts, Inglewood                    | SBCCOG      |
| Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley                     | ICTC        |
| Hon. Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park            | GCCOG       |
| Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale                  | District 43 |
| Hon. Sukhee Kang, City of Irvine               | District 14 |
| Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta                     | WRCOG       |

### **Members Not Present (Cont'd)**

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Hon. Mike Leonard, Hesperia              | SANBAG                           |
| Hon. Ronald Loveridge, Riverside         | District 4                       |
| Hon. Charles Martin                      | Morongo Band of Mission Indians  |
| Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow   | SANBAG                           |
| Hon. Susan McSweeney, Westlake Village   | LVMCOG                           |
| Hon. John A. Mirisch, Beverly Hills      | WSCCOG                           |
| Hon. John Nielsen, Tustin                | District 17                      |
| Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada-Flintridge | Arroyo Verdugo COG               |
| Hon. John Palinkas                       | Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians |
| Hon. Rex Parris, Lancaster               | North Los Angeles County         |
| Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles              | District 56                      |
| Hon. Andy Quach, Westminster             | District 20                      |
| Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles               | District 48                      |
| Hon. Michael Wilson                      | SGVCOG                           |

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 AM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, opened the election for Vice-Chair by announcing the two nominated candidates, Councilmembers Steve Hofbauer and Margaret Finlay. Ms. Africa asked the members to complete the voting ballots. The ballots were collected by Ms. Africa and Jane Embry, Assistant to the CEHD Committee. After the ballots were counted, the Chair announced the results of the election and congratulated Margaret Finlay as the new Vice-Chair of CEHD.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Ring) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2. Proposed Final 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan

Hon. Bill Jahn, District 11, provided a summary of the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA process and thanked the RHNA Subcommittee and SCAG staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the process.



Hon. Larry McCallon, District 7, stated that the RHNA meetings were open and transparent and were of great service to every city involved. He also thanked the RHNA Subcommittee and SCAG staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the process.

Hon. Linda Parks, VCOG, suggested tapping into the resources and expertise of the current and past RHNA Subcommittees in order to improve the next RHNA process. Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, stated that staff will come back to CEHD with a recommendation.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Final RHNA Allocation Plan. The MOTION was SECONDED (Jahn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Support of the SCAG/Metro Joint Work Program Resolution and the Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy

Diego Cardoso, Executive Officer, Countywide Planning and Development, with Metro provided an overview of the joint Metro and SCAG work effort. Mr. Cardoso also provided an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) developed to highlight the projects, some of which are policy-oriented and others are resource-related that Metro is allocating in order to better elevate the sustainability elements of the transportation investments in Los Angeles County. Mr. Cardoso stated that the passage of Measure R has increased the ability of Los Angeles County and Metro to facilitate more projects, and if the extension of Measure R passes, it will further expedite the ability of Metro to implement those projects. Mr. Cardoso further stated that he has noticed an increase in interest from localities in re-adapting cities and centers of commerce into the new emerging transportation system in Los Angeles County. He stated that he has also noticed an increased interest in infill development along the transportation corridors and in alternative modes of transportation.

Hon. Deborah Robertson, District 8, inquired if staff would be seeking similar types of collaboration agreements with other counties. Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning, stated that staff would be reaching out to the other five (5) counties to form similar partnerships.

Hon. Paula Lantz, District 38, expressed concern that the extension of Measure R does not include the Gold Line extension into San Bernardino County, stopping at I-605 rather than continuing on into the City of Montclair and to the Ontario Airport.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made (Lautenschleger) to recommend that the Regional Council support the SCAG/Metro Joint Work Program Resolution and support the Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy. The MOTION was SECONDED (Jahn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. SCAG Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services Program

Kimberly Clark, SCAG staff, provided an overview and status report on SCAG's GIS program. Ms. Clark stated that the objective of the program is to collect local land use information to improve local and regional planning, assist in the implementation process of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and use GIS technology to promote data sharing, data updating, and data standardization. Ms. Clark further stated that 79 local jurisdictions are participating in the program and staff is actively working to recruit additional cities.

5. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Clarification Regarding Housing Element Planning and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Projection Periods, and Eligibility of Jurisdictions to Take RHNA Credit

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, summarized the letter from HCD wherein they stated that any existing units that have been permitted or built in any jurisdiction cannot be taken as credit toward the 5th RHNA cycle.

Hon. Deborah Robertson, District 8, suggested that SCAG respond to the HCD letter. Hon. Robertson further suggested bringing this item back to the November 1, 2012 CEHD meeting as an action item so that the Committee can provide direction to staff on how to proceed with this matter.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, asked for clarification regarding whether this request could be included as part of the staff report related to reconvening the RHNA Subcommittee or whether the Committee wanted this to be considered as a separate, stand-alone item. Hon. Robertson and Hon. Lantz responded that the matter should be addressed independently at the November 1, 2012 CEHD meeting.

6. Existing Housing Needs Statistics Data to Support Local Jurisdictions' Housing Element Updates

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, stated that staff is assisting the jurisdictions in streamlining their data by extracting data from the census database and customizing it to fit the individual cities and counties. Ms. Liu further stated that this is a collaborative effort between SCAG's planning staff and IT staff. She encouraged feedback from the cities in order to improve the process.

7. Draft Subcommittees Work Plans

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, provided a report on the six (6) new subcommittees that have been established under the direction of the Regional Council and SCAG's President, Glen Becerra. The Subcommittees are as follows: 1) Transportation Finance; 2) High-Speed Rail & Transit; 3) Goods Movement; 4) Active Transportation; 5) Sustainability; and 6) Public Health. Ms. Liu noted that work plans for each of the Subcommittees are included in the agenda packet. Ms. Liu stated that the Subcommittees will hold monthly meetings over the next six (6) months and conclude in February 2013. Ms. Liu further stated that any policy recommendations by the Subcommittees will be brought to the appropriate governing policy committee for approval in March 2013; to the Regional Council for approval in April 2013; and to the General Assembly for adoption in May 2013.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that as the Sustainability Subcommittee reports to CEHD, a monthly report from the Subcommittee will be provided to the CEHD members beginning with the November 1, 2012 meeting, as a standing agenda item and will continue until the Subcommittee concludes.

Hon. Larry McCallon, District 7, requested that all the Subcommittee Agenda Packets be put into the SCAG drop-box for easy access.

8. Preliminary Draft 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Development Schedule

Huasha Liu, Director of Land use and Environmental Planning, highlighted the major milestones in the schedule and noted in particular that if any of the 15 subregions wish to take delegation for the next RTP/SCS, the deadline for submitting their intent will be September 2014.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no report provided.

**STAFF REPORT**

Frank Wen, Manager of Research & Analysis, introduced himself as the new lead staff member for CEHD.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The response to HCD's RHNA credit letter will be brought back as an action item at the November 1, 2012 meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair introduced new CEHD member, Hon. Becky Shevlin, representing SGVCOG.

Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Mayor of Lake Forest, thanked the Committee for its support on the issues involving the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:16 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Wen', is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Wen  
Manager, Research & Analysis

**Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Attendance Report**

2012

|  |                              | X = County Represented |    |    |    |    |    | X = Attended |     |     | = No Meeting | NM = New Member |     |     | EA = Excused Absence |     |     |     |     |     |  |
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| Member (including Ex-Officio)<br>LastName, FirstName | Representing                 | IC                     | LA | OC | RC | SB | VC | Jan          | Feb | Mar |              | Apr             | May | Jun | Jul                  | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |  |
| Allevato, Sam  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Barrios, Josue                                       | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 |     |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Butts, James   | SBCCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Campbell, Don*                                       | ICTC                         | X                      |    |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Chen, Carol  | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Finlay, Margaret*                                    | Duarte (District 35)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 |     |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Garcia, Ron  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Gazeley, James*                                      | Lomita (District 39)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Gonzales, Joseph J.                                  | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   |     |              |                 |     |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Guerrero, Elba                                       | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Harrison, Jon  | District 6                   |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Hofbauer, Steve                                      | Palmdale (District 43)       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Jahn, Bill*  | SANBAG (District 11)         |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Kang, Sukhee*  | City of Irvine (District 14) |                        |    |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Kuenzi, Darcy  | WRCOG                        |                        |    |    | X  |    |    | X            |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Lane, Randon   | WRCOG                        |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              | X   |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Lantz, Paula* Chair                                  | Pomona (District 38)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     | X                    |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Lautenschleger, Joel                                 | District 13                  |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     |     |     | X   |     |  |
| Leonard, Mike  | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    | X  |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Lovendige, Ronald*                                   | Riverside (District 4)       |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              | X   | X   |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| MacDonald, Bryan*                                    | Oxnard (District 45)         |                        |    |    |    |    | X  |              | X   |     |              | X               | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Martin, Charles                                      | Morongo Indians              |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              |     |     |              | X               |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| McCallon, Larry*                                     | Highland (District 7)        |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            | X   |     |              | X               | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| McCullough, Kathryn                                  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie                            | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    |    |    |              | X   |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| McSweeney, Susan                                     | Las Virgenes/Malibu COG      |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Minisch, John A.                                     | WSCCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Morehouse, Carl*                                     | VCOG (District 47)           |                        |    |    |    |    | X  | X            | X   | X   |              | X               | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Murabito, Gene                                       | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              | X               | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Murray, Kris*  | Anaheim (District 19)        |                        |    |    |    |    |    | X            | X   |     |              | X               |     |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Musser, Ray  | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |              | X               | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Nielsen, John*                                       | Tustin (District 17)         |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              | X   | X   |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Olhasso, Laura                                       | Arroyo Verdugo               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Palinkas, John                                       | Pechanga Indians             |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Parks, Linda*  | Ventura County               |                        |    |    |    |    | X  |              | X   |     |              | X               |     |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Parris, Rex  | North L.A. County Subregion  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Perry, Jan   | Los Angeles                  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Quach, Andy*   | Westminster (District 20)    |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Reyes, Ed*   | Los Angeles                  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Ring, Bob  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Robertson, Deborah*                                  | Rialto (District 8)          |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |              |                 | X   |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Shevlin, Becky                                       | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |              |                 |     |     |                      |     | X   |     |     |     |  |
| Wilson, Michael                                      | CVAG                         | X                      |    |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| Regional Council Member*                             |                              |                        |    |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |              |                 |     |     |                      |     |     |     |     |     |  |

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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**November 1, 2012  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

**Members Present**

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| Hon. Carol Chen, Cerritos                 | GCCOG       |
| Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte              | District 35 |
| Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita                | District 39 |
| Hon. Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte      | SGVCOG      |
| Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale             | District 43 |
| Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake             | District 11 |
| Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona ( <b>Chair</b> ) | District 38 |
| Hon. Joel Lautenschleger                  | District 13 |
| Hon. Ronald Loveridge, Riverside          | District 4  |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland             | District 7  |
| Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest      | OCCOG       |
| Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura     | District 47 |
| Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim                 | District 19 |
| Hon. Ray Musser, Upland                   | SANBAG      |
| Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura                 | VCOG        |
| Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles                | District 48 |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto            | District 8  |
| Hon. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia              | SGVCOG      |
| Hon. Michael Wilson                       | SGVCOG      |

**Members Not Present**

|  |             |
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| Hon. Sam Allevato, City of San Juan Capistrano | OCCOG       |
| Hon. Josue Barrios, Cudahy                     | GCCOG       |
| Hon. James Butts, Inglewood                    | SBCCOG      |
| Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley                     | ICTC        |
| Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea                          | OCCOG       |
| Hon. Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park            | GCCOG       |
| Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands                    | District 6  |
| Hon. Sukhee Kang, City of Irvine               | District 14 |

### **Members Not Present (Cont'd)**

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| Hon. Darcy Kuenzi, Meniffee              | District 63                      |
| Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta               | WRCOG                            |
| Hon. Mike Leonard, Hesperia              | SANBAG                           |
| Hon. Bryan MacDonald, Oxnard             | District 45                      |
| Hon. Charles Martin                      | Morongo Band of Mission Indians  |
| Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow   | SANBAG                           |
| Hon. Susan McSweeney, Westlake Village   | LVMCOG                           |
| Hon. John A. Mirisch, Beverly Hills      | WSCCOG                           |
| Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora             | SGVCOG                           |
| Hon. John Nielsen, Tustin                | District 17                      |
| Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada-Flintridge | Arroyo Verdugo COG               |
| Hon. John Palinkas                       | Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians |
| Hon. Rex Parris, Lancaster               | North Los Angeles County         |
| Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles              | District 56                      |
| Hon. Andy Quach, Westminster             | District 20                      |
| Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods              | OCCOG                            |

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 AM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. **Minutes of the October 4, 2012 Meeting**

The Chair requested that the Consent Calendar be brought back for approval at the next meeting with a revised attendance sheet reflecting 'excused absences' for those members attending the California League of Cities Conference in September. A MOTION was made (Jahn) to bring the Consent Calendar back for approval with the revised attendance sheet. The MOTION was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2. **Response to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the Eligibility of Jurisdictions to Take Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Credit**  
Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, reported on a recent telephone conversation between SCAG staff and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff regarding the streamlining process for the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle

housing element. She reported that this telephone conversation was a result of the recent workshop that HCD held in Orange County, wherein staff noted discrepancies between what HCD staff was saying about eligibility of RHNA credit versus a statement contained in their letter addressed to Huasha Liu and dated May 21, 2012. Ms. Liu referred to the letter, included as Page 9 in the agenda packet, which indicates that units that are approved, permitted, or produced during the current 4<sup>th</sup> cycle cannot be credited toward the next cycle; whereas, the information given at the workshop indicates that the units approved and permitted but not built can be recycled during the following cycle of the housing element. Ms. Liu reported that as a result of the telephone conversation with HCD staff, it was determined that if a certain number of housing units are actually built on the ground in this cycle and reported to the Department of Finance (DOF) in the following cycle starting January 2014, DOF will have a new inventory of available housing units and those units can be taken into consideration as credit toward the jurisdiction's obligation in the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made (McCallon) directing staff to send a letter to HCD outlining the understanding of the telephone conversation and requesting a written response from HCD in return. The MOTION was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Ms. Liu also reported that as a result of a conversation with Lisa Bates, the new Deputy Director of HCD, she is confident that HCD is willing to help those jurisdictions who do not have a certified 4<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element. Ms. Liu emphasized the importance of having a certified 4<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element before moving to the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle in order to avoid the penalty clause provision in SB 375 relating to an amendment to the housing law. Ms. Liu stated that Ms. Bates has agreed to have her staff sit down with those cities at a roundtable meeting and help them bring their 4<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element into compliance. The Chair requested that staff provide a list of those cities not in compliance, so they may be made aware of this opportunity.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of the provisional streamlining process for the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element.

3. Senate Bill 535 (deLeon) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006; Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHGR) Fund

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, stated that SB 535 requires that the investment plan developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant to AB 1532 allocate a minimum of 25% of the available monies in the fund to projects that provide benefits to identified disadvantaged communities; and a minimum of 10% of the available monies in the fund to projects located within identified disadvantaged communities. Ms. Liu further stated that the bill requires CalEPA to identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities.

Hon. Larry McCallon, representing District 7, expressed concern that designating communities as disadvantaged will not be beneficial to cities in terms of business development and suggested trying to change this terminology in the legislation.

Chair Paula Lantz, representing District 38, inquired about the definition of community and how it is identified, whether by city boundaries, neighborhoods, or precincts.

Ms. Liu stated that based on the communication she has had with legislators in Sacramento and CalEPA staff, they do not have a specific definition for disadvantaged communities, but the criteria is based on geographic location, socioeconomic issues, public health, and environmental hazards.

Hon. Carol Chen, representing Gateway Cities COG, stated that she agreed that the term, disadvantaged communities, has a negative connotation; however, she believes that it is important to identify these communities who are impacted by pollution, traffic, inferior roadways, and railways.

Hon. Joseph Gonzales, representing SGVCOG, pointed out that it is not likely that the language of the legislation can be changed at this point and that Senator deLeon obviously wanted attention drawn to the communities of a certain economic status. Hon. Gonzales also inquired how the money would be split. Ms. Liu stated that the money would have to be split by projects and locations, and would be part of the 3-year investment plan that the DOF and ARB are charged with developing.

Hon. Ed Reyes, representing District 48, inquired if staff has the resources to develop a list which would designate centers within the region that currently have projects in process that deal with health issues and contamination hazards. Ms. Liu stated that staff has information on transportation and housing related issues, which is one of the seven categories of the projects defined in AB 1532 related to energy, water, and waste management. Hon. Reyes also suggested creating project profiles in order to identify the needs of the jurisdictions.

Hon. Larry McCallon, representing District 7, stated that he believes it is important to broaden the definition of health because unemployment also has a great impact on health issues.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made (Morehouse) to approve the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommendation to authorize SCAG to work with stakeholders to help identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of SB 535, and to support the inclusion of statewide transportation coalition principles, which include adopted regional sustainable communities strategies, into the project selection criteria and process for allocating cap and trade revenues. The MOTION was SECONDED (McCallon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Chair asked that the comments of Hon. McCallon and Hon. Reyes be noted as part of the record for staff's future reference. Darin Chidsey, Deputy Director, stated that as this item is being presented to each of the policy committees, staff will prepare a summary of the amendments that each of the policy committees recommend and present it to the Regional Council before they take action.



## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Hon. Pam O'Connor, representing District 41, provided a report on the first meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee. Hon. O'Connor stated that on November 5, 2012 there will be a joint meeting of the Sustainability, Active Transportation, and Public Health Subcommittees, wherein the guest speakers will address the principles from each of the Subcommittees and how they interrelate with each other. Hon. O'Connor further stated that the meeting schedules for all the Subcommittees will be posted on SCAG's website, as they become available.

Hon. Ed Reyes, representing District 48, stated that with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, it is important to focus on economic development and financial structure that will serve as case examples for the policy makers, so they know what to fight for during budget discussions.

Marco Anderson, Senior Regional Planner, stated that SCAG is about to roll-out a new website redesign. One sub-site started as a Compass Blueprint project that SCAG funded for the City of Fullerton. He further stated that the new website has a set of tools and techniques, and as a result, staff decided to make it available to all the jurisdictions. The website address is [IFF.scag.ca.gov](http://IFF.scag.ca.gov), which stands for Infrastructure Funding & Financing.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no report presented.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Frank Wen, Manager of Research & Analysis, provided an update on the HCD Housing Element workshops. Dr. Wen stated that there will be five workshops as noted: 1) November 13, 2012 at SCAG's Los Angeles office; 2) November 14, 2012 in Ontario; 3) November 20, 2012 in Palm Desert; 4) November 28, 2012 in Camarillo; and 5) December 5, 2012 in Long Beach. All five workshops will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 1:30 PM. Video conferencing will be available and the dates and locations will be posted on SCAG's website.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that the attendance report included in today's agenda packet will be revised to reflect that the CEHD members who were in attendance at the California League of Cities conference have "excused absences." She requested a 'show of hands' of the members who attended the conference. Those members were Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Hon. Carl Morehouse, Hon. Deborah Robertson, Hon. Michael Wilson, Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Hon. Jim Gazeley, Hon. Joel Lautenschleger, Hon. Kris Murray, and Hon. Paula Lantz.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items presented.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair introduced a new CEHD member, Michael Wilson, representing CVAG.

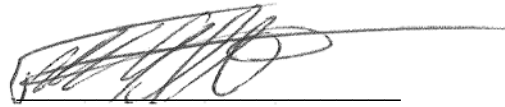
All the members joined in to thank Mayor Ron Loveridge for his dedication and service to SCAG and to the region.

Hon. Glen Becerra, SCAG's President, announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Economic Summit will be held on December 6, 2012 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Hon. Becerra requested that the members reach out to their legislators and encourage them to participate in this important event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:31 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Wen', is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Wen, Manager  
Research & Analysis

**Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Attendance Report**

**2012**

|  |                              | X = County Represented |    |    |    |    |    | X = Attended |     |     | = No Meeting    NM = New Member    EA = Excused Absence |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
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| Member (including Ex-Officio)<br>LastName, FirstName | Representing                 | IC                     | LA | OC | RC | SB | VC | Jan          | Feb | Mar |   | Apr | May | Jun |  | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |   |
| Allevato, Sam  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Barrios, Josue                                       | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     |     |  | X   |     |     |     |     | X   |   |
| Butts, James   | SBCCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Campbell, Don*                                       | ICTC                         | X                      |    |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Chen, Carol  | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     | X   | X   | X |
| Finlay, Margaret*                                    | Duarte (District 35)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     |     |  | X   |     |     |     | X   | X   | X |
| Garcia, Ron  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     |     | X   |   |
| Gazeley, James*                                      | Lomita (District 39)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     | EA  | X   | X |
| Gonzales, Joseph J.                                  | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   |     |   |     |     |     |  | X   |     |     |     | X   | X   | X |
| Guerrero, Elba                                       | Gateway Cities               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Hamison, Jon   | District 6                   |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     | X   |   |
| Hofbauer, Steve                                      | Palmdale (District 43)       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     |     |     | EA  |     | X |
| Jahn, Bill*  | SANBAG (District 11)         |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X |
| Kang, Sukhee*  | City of Irvine (District 14) |                        |    |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     | X   |     |   |
| Kuenzi, Darcy  | WRCOG                        |                        |    |    | X  |    |    | X            |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     | X   |   |
| Lane, Randon   | WRCOG                        |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              | X   |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Lantz, Paula* Chair                                  | Pomona (District 38)         |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  | X   |     |     |     | EA  | X   | X |
| Lautenschleger, Joel                                 | District 13                  |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     |     |     | EA  | X   | X |
| Leonard, Mike  | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    | X  |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Loveridge, Ronald*                                   | Riverside (District 4)       |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              | X   | X   |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     | X   |     |   |
| MacDonald, Bryan*                                    | Oxnard (District 45)         |                        |    |    |    |    | X  |              | X   |     |   |     | X   | X   |  |     |     |     | X   |     |     |   |
| Martin, Charles                                      | Morongo Indians              |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              |     |     |   |     | X   |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| McCallon, Larry*                                     | Highland (District 7)        |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            | X   |     |   |     | X   | X   |  |     |     | X   | X   | X   |     |   |
| McCullough, Kathryn                                  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     | EA  | X   | X   |     |   |
| Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie                            | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    |    |    |              | X   |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| McSweeney, Susan                                     | Las Virgenes/Malibu COG      |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Minisch, John A.                                     | WSCCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Morehouse, Carl*                                     | VCOG (District 47)           |                        |    |    |    |    | X  | X            | X   | X   |   |     | X   | X   |  |     |     | EA  | X   | X   |     |   |
| Murabito, Gene                                       | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     | X   | X   |  |     |     |     | X   |     |     |   |
| Murray, Kris*  | Anaheim (District 19)        |                        |    |    |    |    |    | X            | X   |     |   |     | X   |     |  |     |     | EA  | X   | X   |     |   |
| Musser, Ray  | SANBAG                       |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |   |     | X   | X   |  |     |     | X   | X   | X   |     |   |
| Nielsen, John*                                       | Tustin (District 17)         |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              | X   | X   |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Olhasso, Laura                                       | Arroyo Verdugo               |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Palinkas, John                                       | Pechanga Indians             |                        |    |    | X  |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Parks, Linda*  | Ventura County               |                        |    |    |    |    | X  |              | X   |     |   |     | X   |     |  |     |     | X   | X   | X   |     |   |
| Paris, Rex   | North L.A. County Subregion  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Perry, Jan   | Los Angeles                  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Quach, Andy*   | Westminster (District 20)    |                        |    | X  |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Reyes, Ed*   | Los Angeles                  |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     |     |     | X   |     |   |
| Ring, Bob  | OCCOG                        |                        |    | X  |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     |     | X   |     |     |   |
| Robertson, Deborah*                                  | Rialto (District 8)          |                        |    |    |    | X  |    | X            |     | X   |   |     |     | X   |  |     |     | EA  | X   | X   |     |   |
| Shevlin, Becky                                       | SGVCOG                       |                        | X  |    |    |    |    | X            | X   | X   |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     | X   | X   |     |   |
| Wilson, Michael                                      | CVAG                         | X                      |    |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     | EA  |     | X   |     |   |
| Regional Council Member*                             |                              |                        |    |    |    |    |    |              |     |     |   |     |     |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |

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**DATE:** January 3, 2013

**TO:** Community Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee  
Energy Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**FROM:** Michele Martinez, Chair, Active Transportation Subcommittee  
Barbara Messina, Chair, Goods Movement Subcommittee  
Pam O' Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee  
Gary Ovitt, Chair, Transportation Finance Subcommittee  
Deborah Robertson, Chair, Public Health Subcommittee  
Karen Spiegel, Chair, High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee

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**SUBJECT:** Summary Report from Subcommittees

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The Active Transportation, Goods Movement, High-Speed Rail and Transit, Public Health, Transportation Finance, and Sustainability Subcommittees have been meeting since September 2012. Presentations by SCAG staff, industry professionals, and other stakeholders have provided background information on issues facing the region relevant to each Subcommittee to facilitate information exchange and policy development around the respective emphasis areas, and help identify regional priorities and facilitate the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In an effort to keep all Regional Council and Policy Committee members informed, a monthly report will be provided summarizing the work and progress of the Subcommittees.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve regional decision-making providing leadership and consensus building on key plans and policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

At its April 5, 2012 meeting, the Regional Council approved the formation of Subcommittees as part of the implementation strategy for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Charters for each Subcommittee were approved by the Regional Council in July 2012, and SCAG President Glen Becerra thereafter appointed to each of the six (6) Subcommittees both Regional Council and Policy Committee members from throughout the six SCAG counties as subcommittee members and representatives from the private sector and stakeholder groups as ex-officio members. The Active Transportation, Goods Movement, High-Speed Rail and Transit, and

# REPORT

Transportation Finance Subcommittees report to the Transportation Committee (TC). The Public Health Subcommittee reports to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). The Sustainability Subcommittee reports to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD). The Subcommittees began meeting in September 2012 with a goal of completing their discussion by February 2013 so that policy recommendations may be presented to TC, EEC and CEHD, and thereafter to the Regional Council as well as to the General Assembly as part of the annual meeting in May 2013.

The following represents a summary of the Subcommittee meetings since November 2012:

## **1. Active Transportation Subcommittee**

### 1st Meeting, October 3, 2012

The meeting was attended by Subcommittee members as well as representatives from various stakeholder organizations and sister agencies, including OCTA, Caltrans and Metro. Chair Michele Martinez reviewed the goals and objectives of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's Meeting Outlook, which includes its six (6) meeting objectives, was discussed and approved. The Subcommittee was provided an overview and requested comments on the Active Transportation Work Plan for the next four (4) years. The final Work Plan will be considered for adoption by the Subcommittee at its final meeting.

Two informational presentations were made. Alan Crawford, City of Long Beach Bicycle Coordinator discussed Long Beach's approach to being "the" bicycle friendly city. Charles Larwood, OCTA, discussed the Strategic Bikeway Program established in the fourth Orange County Supervisor District, which will be replicated throughout the county. These presentations showed the nexus between the SCAG regional bikeway network, county strategic bikeway programs and local implementation.

### 2nd Meeting, November 5, 2012

The meeting was a Joint Meeting of the three (3) Subcommittees: Active Transportation, Public Health, and Sustainability. Staff introduced policy frameworks that have been developed for each subcommittee. Each highlighted the following policy components: definitions, needs assessment, performance measurement, strategy, and investment. Staff elaborated on the role of Subcommittees in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS. The meeting featured guest speakers from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the City of Anaheim, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments. Guest speakers presented local projects and programs that promote active transportation, public health, and sustainability principles, and show the interrelated character of all three areas.

### 3rd Meeting, November 26, 2012

The focus of this meeting was 'first mile/last mile' strategies; including access to transit; Bike Share programs; and complete streets. Guest speakers represented the San Bernardino Associated Governments, "BikeNation" Bike Share Company, and the City of Santa Ana.

The policy framework for Active Transportation was discussed. The Subcommittee reviewed various aspects of active transportation, including the draft FY12-16 Work Plan; innovative strategies in Coachella Valley, Long Beach and Orange County; and first mile/last mile strategies. Staff will be introducing policy examples over the next few meetings for subcommittee review in preparation for the final Subcommittee Report.

## **2. Goods Movement Subcommittee**

### **1st Meeting, September 24, 2012**

This meeting was intended to provide an overview of the goods movement related work accomplished to date by SCAG. Discussion focused on the specific strategies included in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including an initial review of goods movement markets—particularly intra-regional truck movements or truck origins/distributions within the region. Discussion also highlighted SCAG’s recently completed Border Crossing Study including the magnitude and importance of the international land border crossings in Imperial County and data collection work completed for the study which targeted stakeholder surveys and truck intercept surveys. The Subcommittee approved the proposed Subcommittee Work Plan which includes discussion of goods movement economic impacts, strategies in the RTP, a zero and near-zero emissions technology advancement plan, and funding for goods movement projects.

### **2nd Meeting, October 29, 2012**

Presentations and discussion continued to highlight key issues with market segmentation of goods movement. Michael Fischer of Cambridge Systematics provided an overview of goods movement market segmentations and additional information regarding the economics of goods movement. Dr. John Husing, Chief Economist, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, provided a presentation focusing on “International Trade and Economic Development.” Additionally, the meeting emphasized the importance of warehouse distribution activities. BJ Patterson, CEO of Pacific Mountain Logistics, provided a presentation on warehousing operation challenges. He specifically referenced both regulatory and local ordinance concerns. This meeting highlighted the various goods movement markets, and in particular emphasized the workforce/economic development potential associated with industrial development. This initial discussion was intended to better understand the warehousing industry in particular, and consider future analyses and direction to facilitate industrial development and workforce related issues. Key aspects of the presentation and discussion concerning the changing dynamics of warehousing operation and associated economic develop potential was of considerable interest to committee membership and is anticipated to be further highlighted for future direction at a later meeting.

### **3rd Meeting, December 10, 2012**

The meeting focused on the environmental action plan for goods movement put forth in the 2012 RTP/SCS. SCAG staff presented information on this plan that describes rapid development and deployment of zero- and near-zero emissions technologies for goods movement. In addition, the Subcommittee heard from several of our regional partners regarding on-going efforts to advance zero emission technologies. Dr. Matt Miyasato, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Technology Advancement Office, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), discussed attainment challenges and ongoing AQMD technology advancement activities. Heather Tomley Assistant Director of Environmental Planning, Port of Long Beach, gave a presentation on the Ports’ Zero Emissions Road Map. Fred Silver, Vice President, CALSTART, discussed the feasibility of new technologies, funding opportunities and strategies to create conditions for alternative technology markets to develop. Finally, Frank Quon, Executive Officer, Highway Programs, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), gave an update on their countywide zero emission freight collaborative. In addition to informing Subcommittee members of ongoing regional efforts to advance zero emission technologies, the presentations provided members with a better awareness of the feasibility of these technologies in the near future. Furthermore, the members learned of the

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important role that they play as elected officials and members of SCAG governing board to show support for market development of these technologies and advocate for regulatory changes and additional funding.

### **3. High-Speed Rail & Transit Subcommittee**

#### 1st Meeting, October 5, 2012

The meeting was attended by Subcommittee members and representatives from SCAG's partner agencies including XPressWest, Caltrans and the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Subcommittee Chair Karen Spiegel reviewed the purpose and objectives of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's Work Plan and Deliverables were discussed and they were unanimously approved by the Subcommittee.

Three (3) presentations were made for informational purposes and included: 1) a regional rail update by SCAG Planner Steve Fox, 2) an overview of MAP-21 by SCAG Legislative Analyst Jeff Dunn, with particular emphasis on transit and rail, and 3) an update on Measure J by David Yale, Executive Officer at Metro. There was a good level of discussion by subcommittee members.

#### 2nd Meeting, November 9, 2012

The meeting was attended by Subcommittee members and representatives from SCAG's partner agencies including OCTA, Caltrans and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

The emphasis of this second meeting was on rail and the speakers provided a comprehensive and coordinated overview of rail projects and planning in our region. Presentations included: 1) an update on the CA High Speed Train project by Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director; 2) an update on the Southern California High Speed Rail Memorandum of Understanding by Don Sepulveda, Executive Officer for Rail at Metro; 3) an update on Metrolink by Gray Crary, Metrolink Chief Strategic Officer; 4) an update on RCTC's rail planning and implementation efforts by Sheldon Peterson, Riverside County Transportation Commission Rail Manager; 5) an update on the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency Strategic Implementation Plan by Linda Bohlinger, HNTB Corporation; 6) an update on the 2013 California State Rail Plan by Linda Culp of the San Diego Association of Governments; and 7) an update on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Visioning Plan by Jonathan Hutchinson of Amtrak.

#### 3rd Meeting, December 21, 2012

The third Subcommittee meeting focused on transit and transit best practices. Items for discussion included a regional transit update, a presentation on travel behavior and transit mode choice, a presentation on smart fare media, and a discussion on first mile/last mile strategies.

### **4. Public Health Subcommittee**

#### 1st Meeting, October 1, 2012

Discussion focused on preliminary public health framework and performance measures included in the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS, including a review of technical and data limitations. Staff discussed other public health outcomes of interest and the inclusion of other health determinants in the 2016 RTP/SCS, including access to active transportation options, housing affordability, access to open space, and public safety. Staff also presented new scenario planning tools that are under development, which may provide potential public



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health outputs that can be used in the 2016 RTP/SCS. Additionally, staff provided an update on the status of an application for a public health grant offered by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Pew Charitable Trust. The grant proposal concept will assess the broader health impacts of High-Quality Transit Area (HQT) communities in the SCAG region. The Subcommittee also reviewed and approved the proposed subcommittee Meeting Schedule.

## 2nd Meeting, November 5, 2012

This meeting was a joint meeting of the following three Subcommittees: Active Transportation, Public Health, and Sustainability. Please see above summary of second meeting of the Active Transportation Subcommittee.

## 3rd Meeting, November 28, 2012

This meeting focused more closely on specific aspects of the public health policy framework presented at the previous meeting by staff. Representatives from Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles, the American Lung Association, and the Public Health Institute presented local priorities that help define public health and healthy communities, along with suggestions on how local needs assessment can be applied at the regional level. Neil Maizlish, from the State Department of Public Health, gave a presentation on the Integrated Transport and Health Impact Modeling Tool (ITHIM), which provides integrated health impact assessment of transportation policies and scenarios through changes in physical activity, road traffic injury risk, and urban air pollution. ITHIM is being currently used in a number of studies to estimate the health impact of scenarios, compare the impact of travel patterns in different places, and model the impact of interventions. SCAG staff concluded the meeting by reviewing all components of the policy framework, including Definitions and Needs Assessment and Performance Measurement, Strategy, and Investment.

## **5. Sustainability Subcommittee**

### 1st Meeting, October 1, 2012

The first meeting was intended to provide an overview of the analytical tools available to prepare development scenarios for the 2016 RTP/SCS. Peter Calthorpe, Principal, Calthorpe and Associates, presented a case study of one such software system called “Urban Footprint.” SCAG staff presented an overview of the 2016 RTP/SCS development process, which will cover the next three and half years. Discussion focused on the availability of tools and processes to local officials, as well continuing the successful relationship established between SCAG and local cities during the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Additionally, there was discussion about the difference between large lot and small lot single family homes and their applicability to different urban contexts. Discussion focused on the need to revive tools like redevelopment which will allow local cities to fill the financing gap between desired development and market supported development.

### 2nd Meeting, November 5, 2012

This meeting was a joint meeting of the following three (3) Subcommittees: Active Transportation, Public Health, and Sustainability. Please see above summary of second meeting of the Active Transportation Subcommittee.

### 3rd Meeting, December 11, 2012

This meeting focused on the building industry, and its role in sustainable development. Key questions discussed included the cost of infrastructure, the thresholds SCAG should use for large lot versus compact

lot housing, and the existing barriers to infill development. Speakers featured David Shepherd, Building Industry Association representative; Mott Smith representing the Infill Builders Association; and David Pogue of CB Richard Ellis. The speakers discussed their experience followed by a panel discussion in which they led with the Subcommittee members and staff. SCAG staff also re-introduced the Policy Framework, which included comments from Subcommittee members.

## **6. Transportation Finance Subcommittee**

### **1st Meeting, October 12, 2012**

This meeting focused on an overview of the financial plan context and strategies incorporated into the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Staff reviewed key assumptions about inflation, construction costs, and various economic drivers that impact SCAG's financial forecasting. Staff also reviewed the key revenue strategies and discussed potential next steps. Susan Bransen, Deputy Director of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), provided an update on the Statewide Ten-Year Needs Assessment, including a discussion of the projected shortfall and potential funding options being considered for a final report to the CTC. Cosette Stark, Director of Research and Development for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, spoke on the Measure J initiative. The Subcommittee discussed various funding options and cost efficiency measures. The Subcommittee reviewed and approved the proposed Work Plan.

### **2nd Meeting, November 16, 2012**

This meeting addressed managing capital project costs and expediting project delivery. Staff provided a brief presentation reviewing project cost considerations including components of material and labor costs, trends and economic implications. Dr. Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Advisor, Orange County Business Council, presented an initial economic analysis of the benefits of expediting project delivery. Richard Bacigalupo, Federal Relations Manager for the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) provided a presentation on OCTA's initiative, "Breaking Down Barriers," which is intended to accelerate the creation of jobs by expediting the process of planning, funding, and constructing federally-assisted transportation projects. Subcommittee member Denny Zane, provided a presentation on the potential for lowering voter threshold requirement for local transportation measures.

### **3rd Meeting, December 21, 2012**

The third meeting of the Subcommittee focused on system preservation costs, system preservation as a cost containment strategy, and potential revenue options to achieve a state of good repair. Chris Williges, Principal with System Metrics Group, provided an overview of highway system preservation efforts and an update on the status of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Margot Yapp, Vice President of Nichol Consulting Engineers, presented an overview of the California Statewide Needs Assessment of local streets and roads system preservation needs and discussed potential revenue options under consideration. Patrick DeChellis, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, lead a discussion on system preservation needs and the importance of maintaining our existing assets. Roderick Diaz, a Transportation Planning Manager with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), provided a briefing on Metro's evaluation of transit system preservation needs and efforts to achieve a state of good repair.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the Subcommittees is included in the FY 2012-2013 Budget.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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**DATE:** January 3, 2013

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**FROM:** Ma'Ayn Johnson, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1975, johnson@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Information Regarding Receipt of Transfer Agreement Related to the 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Assembly Bill 242 (Blakeslee) set forth the process for addressing RHNA transfers related to annexation and incorporation of new cities. SCAG staff has been informed of an agreement reached by Los Angeles County and the City of Santa Clarita regarding RHNA transfers related to an annexation between the jurisdictions. Information related to this transfer agreement is provided herein. Per Government Code Section 65584.07(d), mutually agreed upon RHNA transfers due to an annexation are automatically effective on the date of SCAG's receipt of the notifications and do not require Regional Council action. In addition, given that these RHNA transfers are finalized during different times of the year, staff intends to commence a process whereby notice of these transfers is presented to the CEHD Committee for information twice a year. Any RHNA transfer agreements submitted to SCAG during the period of January 1 to June 30 will be reported to CEHD after July, and any RHNA transfer agreements submitted to SCAG during the period of July 1 to December 31, will be reported to CEHD after January.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

SCAG received written notice from the City of Santa Clarita of an agreement with the County of Los Angeles to receive a transfer of ten (10) units. SCAG staff informed the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) of this RHNA transfer. By state law, the transfers were automatically effective on the date of SCAG's receipt of the notification. Staff will track RHNA transfers and include this information on the SCAG RHNA webpage. This transfer will not have an effect on the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Final RHNA Allocation since the effective transfer date occurred prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> RHNA Allocation adoption by the Regional Council on October 4, 2012.

SCAG staff is providing notice of RHNA transfers for the CEHD Committee's information. Given that SCAG is notified of RHNA transfers during different times of the year, staff will be commencing a process whereby information regarding RHNA transfers will be presented to the CEHD Committee twice a year. If SCAG is notified of a RHNA transfer agreement during the period of January 1 to June 30, SCAG staff will present this information to CEHD after July. If SCAG is notified of a RHNA transfer agreement during the period of July 1 to December 31, SCAG staff will present this information to CEHD at its regularly scheduled meeting after January.

The following provides further background regarding the law related to RHNA transfers resulting from annexations or incorporations. AB 242 (Blakeslee), which was codified into state law in 2008 as part of Government Code Section 65584.07, governs the transfer of regional housing needs between a county and city in the event of an annexation or incorporation. If the annexation or incorporation was not accounted for when the RHNA numbers were first determined and distributed, the county and the city may mutually agree to a transfer or RHNA need (hereinafter referred to as a “transfer agreement”), which must be accepted by the Council of Governments (COG). Despite the requirement that the COG accept the transfer agreement, the actual transfer agreement is effective immediately upon its receipt by the COG under the law.

Alternatively, if a transfer agreement cannot be reached by the respective city and county, either party may submit a written request (hereinafter referred to as a “written request”) to the COG to consider the facts, data, and methodology presented by both parties and make a determination on the number of units, by income category, that should be transferred from the county’s allocation to the city. The COG has 180 days from receipt of the written request to finalize the RHNA transfer for the subject city and county.

Any transfer of RHNA numbers, whether by way of a transfer agreement or resulting from the written request submitted to the COG, shall neither reduce the total regional housing needs nor change the regional housing needs allocated to other cities and counties. Based upon the review of the written request and any additional documentation, the final determination of the COG must be based on the methodology used to assign the RHNA Allocation Plan within the region. A copy of the transfer finalized by the COG shall be submitted to HCD.

Newly incorporated cities receiving RHNA transfers are required to amend their housing element and identify sites where the transfer may be implemented within 30 months from the date of incorporation. Cities receiving RHNA transfers as a result of an annexation of unincorporated land must update their housing elements and identify suitable sites within 180 days from the effective date of transfer. Although SCAG must receive and forward notification of a RHNA transfer agreement to HCD, housing element review is entirely conducted by HCD.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 12-13 General Fund Budget (13-800.0160.03: RHNA).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Notification from County of Los Angeles regarding RHNA transfer for City of Santa Clarita, dated July 9, 2012

## Ma'Ayn Johnson

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**From:** Russett, Anne <arussett@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2012 4:33 PM  
**To:** Ma'Ayn Johnson  
**Cc:** cchung@planning.lacounty.gov; Dorothea Park; Marjorie Santos; Jason Tajima; James Chow; Patrick Leclair; Fred Follstad  
**Subject:** Copperstone Annexation - RHNA Transfer to City of Santa Clarita  
**Attachments:** RHNA Confirmation Letter - July 2011.pdf

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Hi, Ma'Ayn –

The City of Santa Clarita's Copperstone annexation has been certified and recorded by LAFCO. As part of this annexation, the City has agreed to accept a RHNA transfer of 10 units (see attached letter). Here's the income breakdown:

Very-low: 2  
Low: 2  
Moderate: 2  
Above moderate: 4

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks, Anne

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July 14, 2011

Ms. Rita L. Robinson  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Community Services Cluster and Capital Programs  
Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office  
500 West Temple Street, Room 713  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Proposed RHNA Allocation from Los Angeles County to the City Of Santa Clarita  
for the Copperstone Annexation (2010-10)

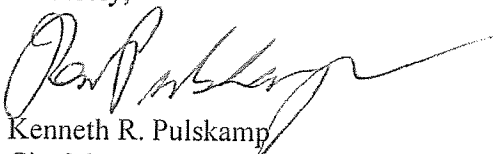
Dear Ms. Robinson:

This is a follow-up to your letter to the City dated June 30, 2011, requesting that the City of Santa Clarita accept a proportionate share of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Based on your calculations, the proportionate share for the Copperstone annexation would be four units from the above-moderate category, two units from the moderate category, two units from the low category and two units from the very-low category for a total of ten units.

Please consider this letter as formal confirmation of the City's acceptance of the transfer of the RHNA allocation of ten units for this annexation.

If I can be of further assistance or if you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me or Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, at (661) 255-4365.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth R. Pulskamp  
City Manager

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James Chow, Associate Planner  
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**DATE:** January 3, 2013

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**FROM:** Ma'Ayn Johnson, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1975, [johnson@scag.ca.gov](mailto:johnson@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Information Regarding Receipt of Transfer Agreement Related to the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Assembly Bill 242 (Blakeslee) set forth the process for addressing RHNA transfers related to annexation and incorporation of new cities. SCAG staff has been informed of a mutual agreement reached by Los Angeles County (County) and the City of Santa Clarita (Santa Clarita) regarding RHNA transfers related to annexations between the jurisdictions. SCAG was notified of these RHNA transfers in October and December, 2012, which impacts the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA. Information related to this transfer agreement is provided herein. Per Government Code Section 65584.07(d), mutually agreed upon RHNA transfers due to an annexation are automatically effective on the date of SCAG's receipt of the notifications and do not require Regional Council action. In addition, given that these RHNA transfers are finalized during different times of the year, staff intends to commence a process whereby notice of transfers is presented to the CEHD Committee for information twice a year. Any RHNA transfer agreements submitted to SCAG during the period of January 1 to June 30 will be reported to CEHD after July, and any RHNA transfer agreements submitted to SCAG during the period of July 1 to December 31, will be reported to CEHD after January.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County of Los Angeles transferred a total of 1,971 units to the City of Santa Clarita as a result of annexation. SCAG received written notices on October 11, 2012 and December 6, 2012 of mutually accepted transfers of 1,847 units and 124 units, respectively, from the County of Los Angeles to the City of Santa Clarita. SCAG staff informed the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) of these RHNA transfers. By state law, the transfers were automatically effective on the date of SCAG's receipt of the notifications. Staff will track RHNA transfers and include this information on the SCAG RHNA webpage. Since the effective date of these transfers occurred after the October 4, 2012 Regional Council adoption of the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Final RHNA Allocation, these transfers affect the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA. Based upon the referenced annexations and mutually agreed RHNA transfers, the resulting adjusted RHNA allocations now serve as the new RHNA allocations for the jurisdictions as they commence their housing element update process.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 12-13 General Fund Budget (13-800.0160.03: RHNA).

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notification from County of Los Angeles regarding RHNA transfer for City of Santa Clarita, dated October 11, 2012
2. Notification from County of Los Angeles regarding RHNA transfer for City of Santa Clarita, dated December 6, 2012



**Ma'Ayn Johnson**

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**From:** Linda Maravilla <lmavilla@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2012 1:10 PM  
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**Cc:** Anne Russett; Jon Sanabria; cchung@planning.lacounty.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Mr. Hasan Ikhata letter/Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) transfer to the City of Santa Clarita  
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Attached for your information is the response letter to Mr. Hasan Ikhata regarding the Regional Housing needs allocation (RHNA) transfer to the City of Santa Clarita for annexation No. 2011-20 (Vista Canyon).

If you have any questions regarding this response letter, please contact Anne Russett at (213) 974-6417 or by e-mail at [arussett@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:arussett@planning.lacounty.gov).

Thanks

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Richard J. Bruckner  
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October 9, 2012

Mr. Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

**REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF  
SANTA CLARITA FOR ANNEXATION NO. 2011-20 (VISTA CANYON)**

The Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) has certified and recorded Annexation No. 2011-20 (Vista Canyon). As part of this annexation, the City of Santa Clarita has agreed to accept a RHNA transfer of 1,847 units from the County of Los Angeles (see enclosures). The table below provides the income breakdown of this transfer:

| <b>RHNA Transfer by Income Level</b> |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Very Low Income                      | 332 units          |
| Lower Income                         | 210 units          |
| Moderate Income                      | 227 units          |
| Above Moderate Income                | 1,078 units        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>1,847 units</b> |

Mr. Hasan Ikhata  
October 9, 2012  
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Should you have any questions, please contact Anne Russett at (213) 974-6417 or by e-mail at [arussett@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:arussett@planning.lacounty.gov). Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

RJB:CC:AR:lm

Enclosures:

1. Letter from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office to the City of Santa Clarita
  2. RHNA Transfer Confirmation Letter from the City of Santa Clarita
- c:
- Dorothea Park, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
  - Marge Santos, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
  - Jason Tajima, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
  - Kenneth R. Pulskamp, City Manager, City of Santa Clarita
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January 30, 2012

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Dear Mr. Pulskamp:

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF  
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
FOR THE SANTA CLARITA ANNEXATION NOS. 2011-20 (VISTA CANYON),  
2011-22 (NORTH COPPERHILL), AND 2011-23 (NORLAND/ROBINSON ROAD)**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policy 3.095 – City Annexations and Spheres of Influence, states that “The County will seek to negotiate agreements with any city proposing to annex unincorporated territory to appropriately transfer Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations from the unincorporated area to an annexing city”.

Based on meetings between the Department of Regional Planning and the City, the following RHNA transfer calculations have been made:

| <b>RHNA Category</b>  | <b>Annexation #2011-20<br/>(Vista Canyon)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> | <b>Annexation #2011-22<br/>(North Copperhill)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> | <b>Annexation #2011-23<br/>(Norland/Robinson Rd.)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Very Low Income       | 332   | 31  | 46  |
| Lower Income          | 210   | 20  | 29  |
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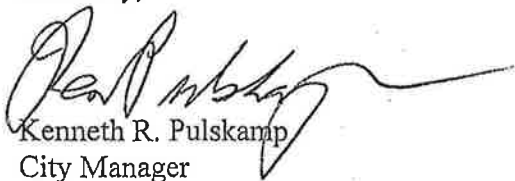
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 2:18 PM  
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**Cc:** Jon Sanabria; cchung@planning.lacounty.gov; Anne Russett; Gabriela Lozano  
**Subject:** Regional Housing Needs Allocation Transfer to Santa Clarita for Annexation No. 2011-22 (North Coperhill)  
**Attachments:** RHNA Transfer to the City of Santa Clarita for Annexation No. 2011-22 (North Copperhill).pdf

Attached for your information is a letter titled Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Transfer to the City of Santa Clarita for Annexation No. 2011-22 (North Copperhill), dated December 6, 2012.

The original was mailed to Mr. Hasan Ikhata.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Russett at (213) 974-6417 or by e-mail at [arussett@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:arussett@planning.lacounty.gov).

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December 6, 2012

Mr. Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director  
Southern California Association of Governments  
818 West Seventh Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

**REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF  
SANTA CLARITA FOR ANNEXATION NO. 2011-22 (NORTH COPPERHILL)**

The Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) has certified and recorded Annexation No. 2011-22 (North Copperhill). As part of this annexation, the City of Santa Clarita has agreed to accept a RHNA transfer of 124 units from the County of Los Angeles (see enclosures). The table below provides the income breakdown of this transfer:

| RHNA Transfer by Income Level |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Very Low Income               | 31 units         |
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Sincerely,



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

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Enclosures

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Chief Executive Officer

January 30, 2012

Kenneth R. Pulskamp, City Manager  
City of Santa Clarita  
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Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Dear Mr. Pulskamp:

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF  
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
FOR THE SANTA CLARITA ANNEXATION NOS. 2011-20 (VISTA CANYON),  
2011-22 (NORTH COPPERHILL), AND 2011-23 (NORLAND/ROBINSON ROAD)**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policy 3.095 – City Annexations and Spheres of Influence, states that “The County will seek to negotiate agreements with any city proposing to annex unincorporated territory to appropriately transfer Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations from the unincorporated area to an annexing city”.

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| <b>RHNA Category</b>  | <b>Annexation #2011-20<br/>(Vista Canyon)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> | <b>Annexation #2011-22<br/>(North Copperhill)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> | <b>Annexation #2011-23<br/>(Norland/Robinson Rd.)<br/>RHNA Transfer Units</b> |
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**DATE:** January 3, 2013

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

**FROM:** Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, 213-236-1838,  
liu@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility of Jurisdictions to Take Housing Activity Credit as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*At the request of the CEHD Committee at its November 3, 2012 meeting, SCAG staff has communicated with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to clarify the eligibility of jurisdictions to take credit for housing activity during the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element update. Per state law and as clarified in a letter from HCD to SCAG, jurisdictions may receive credit for built housing units toward the housing element depending upon when the activity is reported to the California Department of Finance (DOF). Housing units reported to the DOF during the 5<sup>th</sup> housing element projection period, which begins on January 1, 2014, will be credited toward the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element. Furthermore, any sites that continue to be suitable for development, including sites with units approved and permitted but not developed and reported to DOF in the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element may be counted in the 5<sup>th</sup> housing element sites inventory and analysis.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

As a response to several inquiries regarding applying credit for housing activity towards the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element, HCD provided a clarification letter (attached) dated that outlines the eligibility of jurisdictions to take credit for housing activity during the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element update. A previous letter dated May 21, 2012 was provided by HCD that outlines key dates of the projection and planning periods and the circumstances of jurisdictions to apply such credit. The letter clarifies the circumstances for eligibility outlined in the May 21, 2012 letter.

According to the December 13, 2012 letter, credit for built housing units towards a housing element is applied to the period in which it is reported. For the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element, the projection period begins on January 1, 2014. Any built housing unit reported to the DOF after that date may be credited towards the jurisdiction's 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element update. Housing units reported to the DOF prior to January 1, 2014 cannot be credited towards the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element.

Moreover, any sites that continue to be suitable for development including sites with units approved and permitted but not developed and reported to DOF in the 4th cycle housing element may be counted in the 5th cycle housing element sites inventory and analysis. Thus, as long as the site is still suitable for development for the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element, it may be applied by the jurisdiction to meet its future household growth as quantified by its RHNA allocation.

Once reviewed by the CEHD Committee, this information will be made available to SCAG jurisdictions by posting the HCD clarification letter on the SCAG website and distributed electronically to SCAG-region planning directors, city managers, and county executive officers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 12-13 General Fund Budget (13-800.0160.03:RHNA).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Clarification Letter from HCD
2. Letter from Hasan Ikhrata in Response to the May 21, 2012 Letter from HCD
3. Letter from HCD dated May 21, 2012

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December 13, 2012

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 Southern California Association of Governments  
 818 West Seventh Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

**RE: Clarifications of RHNA Credit for Housing Element Updates**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is responding to your November 15, 2012 letter. The Department confirms the understanding stated in your letter regarding eligible credit of regional housing need allocation (RHNA) to reduce the amount of new construction need jurisdictions must plan for in updating the housing element. Below is additional clarification regarding RHNA credit for housing element updates and carry-over of suitable sites in the current housing element to the next housing element update.

**RHNA Credit for Housing Element Updates**

From the start date of the RHNA *projection* period, jurisdictions can take RHNA credit for housing element updates to reduce the amount of new housing need to plan for in updating the housing element. RHNA credit for housing element updates for particular units can only be taken once over the projection period (e.g., if credit is taken for Project A units when approved early in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the projection period, then credit cannot also be taken for the same units when built and/or reported later that year). RHNA credit for housing element updates can be taken for units meeting any of these eligibility criteria:

- Units approved based on completion of the entitlement process or issuance of building permit. This can include approvals from the previous RHNA/Housing Element cycle that are still valid for units not built and/or reported by the end of the previous cycle.
- Units built (including mobile-home or manufactured units placed on a site) based on final inspection or certificate of occupancy.
- Units reported to State Department of Finance (DOF) based on annual submittal of DOF's Housing Unit Change Form to report unit "increases" to the existing stock of housing units. In unusual circumstances, such as units approved or built near the end of the current housing element cycle that did not get reported to State Department of Finance (DOF) before the end of the cycle, RHNA credit for housing element updates can be taken in the next housing element cycle when the units are reported to DOF.

Carry-Over of Housing Element Sites (Not Built-Out) to the Next Housing Element Update

Sites identified in the existing element that, based on current analyses of conditions, etc., are determined to still be suitable and have capacity for development can be carried-over into the land inventory of the next housing element to accommodate all or part of the new RHNA.

To further assist your membership regarding RHNA and/or housing element updates, the Department recommends jurisdictions review information the Department updates on its webpages, particularly *Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements* at this link: ([http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing\\_element2/](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/housing_element2/)). If you or others would like to discuss the policy clarifications described in this letter, please contact Glen Campora, Assistant Deputy, or Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager, at 916.445-4728.

Sincerely,



Lisa Bates  
Deputy Director



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November 15, 2012

Ms. Lisa Bates

Deputy Director

California Department of Housing and Community Development

1800 3rd Street, Room 450

Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding Eligibility of Jurisdictions Taking  
Housing Element Credit

Dear Ms. Bates:

As you are aware, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the Final 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan on October 4, 2012. As we come to the conclusion of the latest RHNA cycle, SCAG thanks you for your continuing partnership in working through the complexities of this program. SCAG recognizes that the RHNA and housing element update is a complex process and appreciates the close collaboration we have with HCD. On behalf of the Regional Council, I want to thank your excellent staff for their efforts in holding workshops with our member cities throughout the SCAG region to facilitate 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element updates by jurisdictions.

As part of this RHNA and housing element update cycle, questions relative to the eligibility of jurisdictions to take housing element credit have been raised. Based on the recent discussions of HCD and SCAG staff, I am writing to confirm our understanding that the following is HCD's interpretation of the eligibility of jurisdictions in the SCAG region to take housing element credit:

- Housing Element Credit  
RHNA credit for units built during the current 4<sup>th</sup> housing element cycle *but reported* to Department of Finance (DOF) during the following 5<sup>th</sup> housing element cycle can be applied towards the following (5<sup>th</sup>) housing element cycle.
- Sites that Can Be Recycled  
Any sites that continue to be suitable for development including sites with units approved and permitted but not developed and reported to DOF may be used in the next (5<sup>th</sup>) cycle. Remaining units to be zoned by income category will be adjusted according to the income category within the credits.

HCD confirmation of the above information would be helpful to our member cities.

Moving forward and as part of SCAG's post-5<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA efforts, SCAG Regional Council would like to continue working with HCD to evaluate RHNA legislation and HCD policies on the credit eligibility and other RHNA matters as appropriate. SCAG's common goal with HCD is to ensure that the RHNA and housing element process is efficient, fair, and transparent.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 213-236-1944 or Ms. Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, at (213) 236-1838. SCAG looks forward to your clarification on the above as well as continued collaboration on implementing RHNA legislative requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhrata", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hasan Ikhrata  
Executive Director

cc: Glen Campora

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May 21, 2012

Ms. Huasha Liu  
Planning Director, Land Use & Environmental Planning Department  
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**RE:** Clarification of Housing Element (HE) Planning Period and Due Date, Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) Projection Period, and Eligibility of Jurisdictions to Take RHNA Credit

Dear Ms. Liu:

The Department is responding to your recent request, on behalf of some members of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), for the Department (HCD) to address (a) specific statutory changes regarding the HE "planning" period and due date and the RHNA "projection" period applicable to SCAG jurisdictions for the 5<sup>th</sup> RHNA and HE update cycle, and (b) jurisdictions' eligibility to take RHNA credit for housing units approved, permitted, or produced.

The brief answers to your questions are that SCAG's RHNA "projection" period is from January 2014 through October 2021, whereas the HE due date is October 15, 2013 for the "planning" period from October 2013 through October 2021. The anomaly of the HE due date for SCAG jurisdictions (October 2013) preceding the RHNA start date (January 2014) by three (3) months is due to (a) legislative changes and statutory definitions described below and (b) the date that SCAG adopted its Regional Transportation Plan. Statutory changes applicable for the 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent HE update cycles specify the HE due date to be 18 months from the RTP adoption date. The October 2013 HE due date for SCAG jurisdictions follows 18 months from SCAG's April 5, 2012 RTP adoption date.

Regarding jurisdictions taking RHNA credit, nothing has changed. The jurisdiction authorized to permit a particular housing development can take RHNA credit for "new" units approved, permitted, or produced to accommodate "new" housing need projected since the start date of the "new" RHNA projection period. Units approved, permitted, or produced before the start of the "new" RHNA projection period relate to the previous housing need and can only be credited and reported for the previous RHNA and HE update cycle.

### Legislative Changes to RHNA Projection Period and HE Planning Period and Due Date

Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, 2008 Statutes and Senate Bill 575 (Steinberg, Chapter 354, 2009 Statutes) added Government Code (GC) Sections defining HE planning period and due date and RHNA projection period per below italicized text:

#### RHNA Projection Period

*The new projection period shall begin on the date of December 31 or June 30 that most closely precedes the end of the previous projection period.” [GC 65588(e)(6)]*

*“Projection Period” shall be the time period for which the regional housing need is calculated. [GC 65588(f)(2)]*

Note: HCD uses January 1 or July 1 dates for RHNA determination start date purposes as these are the effective dates used by Department of Finance (DOF) in updating DOF housing estimates and population projections. Also, once HCD has determined the RHNA, there is no statutory authority to make any revision to the RHNA projection period or RHNA determination.

#### HE Planning Period and Due Date

*“Planning Period” shall be the time period between the due date for one housing element and the due date for the next housing element. [GC 65588(f)(1)]*

*For purposes of determining the existing and projected need for housing within a region pursuant to Sections 65584 to 65584.08, inclusive, the date of the next scheduled revision of the housing element shall be deemed to be the estimated adoption date of the regional transportation plan update described in the notice provided to the Department of Transportation plus 18 months. [GC 65588(e)(5)]*

Note: For HE due dates falling before and after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a month, HCD rounds “up” the HE due date to fall on either the 15<sup>th</sup> day or last day of a month. Also, while a change in the “actual” adoption date of the RTP from the “estimated” adoption date of the RTP (after HCD has determined the RHNA and identified the HE due date) can subsequently cause a change to the HE due date and HE “planning” period, it would not change the RHNA determination or “projection” period.

Ms. Huasha Liu  
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Thank you for the opportunity to address questions raised by SCAG's membership. If SCAG or its members have questions, please contact Anda Draghici, Housing Policy Specialist, by email ([adraghici@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:adraghici@hcd.ca.gov)) or telephone (916.327-2640).

Sincerely,



Glen A. Campora  
Acting Deputy Director